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Weaver Slough/Foys Bend and Ringneck Ranch Wetland Conservation Projects Draft EA

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Region One, has written a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Weaver Slough/Foys Bend and Ringneck Ranch Wetland Conservation Projects. FWP proposes to assist the Flathead Land Trust in the purchase of a conservation easement on two parcels of land totaling 685 acres. One parcel is located in the interior of Weaver Slough (T27N, R21W, in portions of Sections 1, 2, 11, & 12, Flathead Co.). The Foys Bend parcel (T28N, R21W, S27, Flathead Co.) is located along the main stem of the Flathead River just south of Kalispell. The proposed project also includes the purchase in fee of up to 200 acres of land on the Ringneck Ranch (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S4, T19N, R20W, Lake Co.) adjoining the Ninepipe Wildlife Management Area in the Mission Valley.

Copies of this draft are available at Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 490 N. Meridian Rd., Kalispell; Montana State Library, 1515 E 6th Ave., Helena; Flathead County Library, 247 First Ave. E, Kalispell; Polson City Library, 2 First Ave. E, Polson; and the FWP website at fwp.state.mt.us.

Public hearings will be held at the Ninepipes Lodge (Allentown), Monday, March 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., and at the Somers Middle School, 315 School Addition Road, Somers, Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Questions and comments must be received by Friday, March 19, 2004.

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